

So it is in that spirit that I ask unanimous consent to make a few additional remarks in Spanish.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. PADILLA.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Today, we are celebrating a historic moment. We are celebrating the progress that we made to ensure that the Supreme Court better reflects our country.

Judge Jackson is more than qualified and is going to bring important and necessary perspectives to the Supreme Court. Unfortunately, she was attacked by Republicans during her confirmation process; but to every attack, Judge Jackson responded with grace and patience. She showed the country that she will be an exceptional Supreme Court Justice, and she will keep being an inspiration for the next generation.

Madam President, Judge—now Justice—Jackson has earned her place on the Supreme Court.

I will end by acknowledging that, while one person alone, sitting on a Court of nine equals, can't single-handedly create faith in the institution, I have every confidence that Justice Jackson will strengthen the Supreme Court and help our country progress forward.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONFIRMATION OF KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, an hour or so ago on the floor of the Senate was an amazing sight. It has been a long, long time since I have seen the Galleries full. COVID-19 kept us apart. I missed it. I didn't realize how much until those full Galleries were here to witness the vote on the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court.

It was a time of great celebration for most Members of the Senate and I think for the Nation because we have achieved something which many doubted would occur.

It has been 50 years since the first African American—Thurgood Marshall—was appointed to be a member of the U.S. Supreme Court. It was another 50 years for us to wait for the opportunity to put a person, a woman of color, on the Court. And we did it today.

Soon, in the coming future, the President will be swearing in Judge, now-Justice Jackson. I am certain that she will be a credit to our Nation. She has already proven that in her lifetime of service.

Many Members of the Senate, of course, were excited and happy about it. I was one of them. I want to thank my colleagues for their kind words, but I also want to acknowledge the obvious.

All of the hard work that led up to this successful vote happened a lot behind the scenes. There were members of our staff who worked long hours—20-hour days—to prepare for this and to be ready to handle the important Judiciary Committee hearings. I would like to acknowledge the staff members on both sides of the aisle who worked tirelessly on Judge Jackson's nomination.

I have got quite a team on my side, and I am very proud of them. I want to recognize the following individuals who played an important part in this historic process: Pat Souders, my chief of staff; Joe Zogby, my Senate Judiciary Committee staff director; Dan Swanson, general counsel; Stephanie Trifone, deputy general counsel; Sally Brown-Shaklee, my deputy chief of staff; Maalik Simmons and Miriam Wheatley, my floor staff who are often sitting right in the back of this Chamber; Claire Reuschel and Riley Foti, my schedulers; my press staff, including Emily Hampsten, my communications director; Jenna Valle-Riestra; Maddie Carlos; Theresa Bordenave; and Laura Keller, and many others on my Judiciary team, including Phil Brest, who was my chief nominations counsel—he worked so hard on this, and he is so good—Sarah Bauer, who was right by his side working every minute; and Gabe Kader, as well; Ziya Smallens, speechwriter; Joe Charlet; Vaishalee Yeldandi; Maggie Hopkins; Anna Shepard; David Adeleye; Eric Chung; Eliza Lehner; Samir Sheth; David McCallum; Mady Reno; Katya Kazmin; Rachel Martinez, Yashi Gunawardena; Doug Miller; Chastidy Burns; Nicole Walton; Lane Giardina; and many, many others.

I also would like to recognize some members of Senator GRASSLEY's staff. Now, he—for those who wouldn't know—is my Republican counterpart. I chair a committee evenly divided—11 to 11—and Senator GRASSLEY is in charge of the Republican side. We have developed a strong friendship and trust over the years that really meant a lot during this process.

I want to recognize Senator GRASSLEY's staff members, in particular: Kolan Davis, his staff director of many years; Brendan Chestnut, his chief nominations counsel; and Lauren Mehler, his senior counsel for nominations.

Our two staffs worked very well together in this process, and I really appreciate that. I want to thank Senator GRASSLEY, again, for it.

I want to thank the committee's non-designated staff, including Heather Vachon, Michelle Heller, Bryan Palmer, Kara Dubbs, Shannon Bartley, Chuck Papirmeister, and others.

I want to also express my gratitude to the larger Senate community who played a part in Judge Jackson's nomination process: the staff of the Architect of the Capitol, the Sergeant at Arms, and of course the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police Force who were critical to the success of the

hearing and markups for Judge Jackson's nomination. More than 1,000 people occupied the chairs in the back of the committee room in the 4 days of hearings. It was the largest gathering, largest crowd, short of the State of the Union Address, in modern memory on the Senate. And today's Gallery attendance, again, was something, a welcome change from the forlorn empty Chamber's Galleries that we have come to be used to.

I also want to thank and add the names of the Senate staff who were so instrumental in supporting the committee's proceedings.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a list of Senate staff who were instrumental in supporting the committee's proceedings.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Ronda Stewart	SAA—Security Planning and Police Coordination Director
Wendy Colmore	SAA—Access Control and Transportation Director
Jaivon Gibbs	SAA—Police Coordination Analyst
Amanda Simmons	SAA—Senior Program Manager
Mike Mastrian	SAA—Radio & TV Director
Erin Yeatman	SAA—Sr. Media Relations Coordinator
Tamara Robinson	SAA—Media Relations Coordinator
Charles Moxley	SAA—Media Relations Coordinator
Jeff Kent	SAA—Press Photographers Director
Mark Abraham	SAA—Press Photographers Deputy Director
Tricia Munro	SAA—Press Photographers, Senior Assistant Director
Matt Grant	SAA—Press Photographers, Assistant Director
Justin Wilson	SAA—Periodical Press Director
Spencer Barks	SAA—Media Relations Coordinator
Lindsey Bowen	SAA—Media Relations Coordinator
Laura Lytle	SAA—Daily Press Director
Kristyn Socknat	SAA—Daily Press, Sr. Media Relations Coordinator
Amy Gross	SAA—Daily Press, Sr. Media Relations Coordinator
Kate Leavitt	SAA—Daily Press, Media Relations Assistant
Inspector John Erickson	USCP Senate Division
Captain Kenneth Wheeler	USCP Senate Division
Captain Matthew Tighe	USCP Senate Division
Lieutenant Vidal Adams	USCP Senate Division
Sergeant Adam Descamp	USCP Senate Division
Sergeant David Van Benschoten	USCP Senate Division
Sergeant John Ruskoski	USCP Senate Division
Sergeant Howard Jaslow	USCP Senate Division
Sergeant Jeffery Andrews	USCP Senate Division
Sergeant Charles Nelson	USCP Senate Division

Mr. DURBIN. With that, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I am one of the few parents of young children in the Senate. But almost every one of us here is a parent, so you know that one of the most spectacular things your kid can do is to write you a letter. Sometimes—frankly, most of the time—when I have gotten those letters,